

Department of Justice

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SUMMARY OF ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS FOR PUBLIC RELEASE FOR MONDAY AUGUST 2, 1993 THROUGH FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1993

8/02/93 Department of Justice Issues Business Review Letter

In a letter from Anne K. Bingaman, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, to counsel for the Copyright Clearance Center, Inc. (CCC) the Department announced that it does not intend to challenge CCC's proposal to offer a new type of license under which CCC would negotiate fees directly with users for nonexclusive blanket licenses permitting the reproduction of copyrighted materials. A blanket license is a license covering all or some portion of the materials CCC member copyright holders have authorized CCC to license. CCC is a not-for-profit organization comprised of authors and publishers, as well as users of various copyrighted materials. Its primary function is to facilitate copyright clearance between users of copyrighted materials and copyright holders. Member copyright holders authorize CCC to license the right to copy their protected works.

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